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SUBJECT: THIRD SEMIANNUAL REPORT TO CSCE COMMISSION

REFS: (A) BERLIN 8953 (B) STATE 290129

1. PER YOUR REQUEST REF A, WE ARE POUCHING THREE
ADDITIONAL COPIES OF CSCE REPORT.

2. REFERENCES TO GDR ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT REPORT,
BUT MOST (SUCH AS EXAMPLES OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES) ARE
NOT LIKELY TO STIR CONTROVERSY. REFERENCE TO AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL REPORT IN BASKET ONE SECTION WAS ALREADY
MENTIONED IN STATE 290129. IN ADDITION, FOLLOWING
ARE PARAGRAPHS RELATING TO GDR PERFORMANCE ON (A)
PROVISION OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL INFORMATION, AND
(B) DIVIDED FAMILIES.

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3. PARAGRAPH A BEGIN QUOTE: THE GDR CONTINUED TO
PROVIDE INADEQUATE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION.
THE IMPROVEMENT IN THIS SITUATION EXPECTED FROM THE
FORMATION OF A PRIVATELY SPONSORED US-GDR TRADE AND
ECONOMIC COUNCIL HAS NOT YET MATERIALIZED. END QUOTE.

4. PARAGRAPH B BEGIN QUOTE: ALTHOUGH MOST GDR DIVIDED FAMILY CASES INVOLVE REUNIFICATION WITH RELATIVES IN WEST GERMANY, WE CONTINUE TO PLACE HIGH PRIORITY ON RESOLUTION OF THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF CASES PENDING WITH THE UNITED STATES. FOLLOWING ASSURANCES BY THE GDR LAST SPRING THAT SUCH RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, WE NOTED SOME INCREASE IN PROGRESS, THOUGH NOT ALL DIFFICULT CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. IN SEPTEMBER, OUR EMBASSY IN BERLIN PRESENTED GDR OFFICIALS WITH UPDATED LISTS OF PENDING TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT REUNIFICATION CASES, AND WE EMPHASIZED THAT FAVORABLE ACTION ON THESE CASES COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHING OF IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS. END QUOTE.

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